

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Nicolas A. Brentlinger on 5/18/09.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 1, line 8, cancel "and".

Claim 1, line 13, cancel the second occurrence of "and".

Claim 1, line 14, before the period, insert the limitation --, and an average surface roughness of the polished glass hard disk platter is from 2.7-3.0 angstroms--.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

After further review of the claimed subject matter, the examiner now finds the claimed invention to be allowable over the prior art of record because said art *fails* to teach or suggest the claimed method of polishing a glass hard disk platter which comprises the claimed specific steps, wherein the stable slurry is produced according to the claimed steps, comprises the claimed specific components and characteristics and polishes the glass hard disk platter to one having an average surface roughness within the claimed range.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue

fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael A. Marcheschi whose telephone number is (571) 272-1374. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:00-5:30) First Friday Off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jerry Lorengo can be reached on (571) 272-1233. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

/Michael A Marcheschi/  
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 1793